



GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

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APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE

I _____, am applying for a Virgin Islands Commercial Fishing License, and do hereby give permission for the Department of Planning and Natural Resources to process all required documentation and data necessary for this application.

If granted a commercial fishing license, I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations set forth by the Government of the Virgin Islands for commercial fishing and the protection of marine resources of the U.S. Virgin Islands _____ Initial.

I am aware that the fishing license does not permit the use of gill or trammel nets for harvesting reef-associated resources _____ Initial.

I understand that I will be required to submit Commercial Catch Reports to DPNR and that I must also allow DPNR agents to sample my catch four times each year _____ Initial.

Failure to comply with all rules and regulations will result in the loss of said fishing license _____ Initial.

I understand that this application does not grant the right to fish and status as a Virgin Islands Commercial Fishing License holder until after successful submission of all required documentation and its review and approval by the Commissioner of DPNR _____ Initial.

My physical residence is on: St. Croix St. Thomas St. John Other _____

I am a current fisher's helper: Yes No If yes, under who: _____

My intended fishing area is in the: St. Croix District St. Thomas/St. John District

Name _____ **Phone** _____ **Email** _____

Address _____

Signature _____

NOTARY

Recommended for Approval / Disapproval: _____
Nicole Angeli, Director, DFW Date

Approval / Disapproval: _____
Jean-Pierre L. Oriol Commissioner, DPNR Date

Suggested Documents	
Government ID *Required	
Letter of Intent to Fish (notarized) *Required	
Business Plans	
Current Business License (DLCA)	
Fishing Awareness Assessment	
Previous Commercial Catch Compliance (past fisher)	
Helper License (if applicable) & fisher letter of recommendation	

KNOWLEDGE QUIZ:



COMMERCIAL FISHER



NAME TWO PELAGIC FISH:

- 1.
- 2.

NAME TWO FISH CAUGHT IN TRAPS:

- 1.
- 2.

Q. WHEN IS CONCH SEASON?

A.

Q. WHERE CAN YOU SELL,
BARTER (no \$ exchanged)
OR TRADE (\$ and exchange)
A.

WHAT ARE TWO
COMMERCIAL GEAR TYPES?

- 1.
- 2.



Q. WHAT MAY RECREATIONAL FISHERS NOT DO?

A.



Q. WHAT FOUR AGENCIES APPROVE COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSES?
A.

CATCH REPORTS:

1. Where do you submit them?
2. How often do you submit?



**DID YOU KNOW? DIFFERENT RULES
APPLY TO TERRITORIAL WATERS AND
FEDERAL WATERS**

Q. How far from the shore are
territorial waters?
A.

**DID YOU KNOW? CATCH REPORTS GO
TO SCIENTISTS WHO USE THE DATA TO
INFORM POLICY MAKERS**

